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REURTEL TOSEC 33 AND ALPHAND'S COMMENT ABOUT UN, WE HAD NEVER ASSUMED IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH UK AND FRANCE THAT POSSIBLE UN ACTION WOULD BE CONFINED TO LOBBY CONVERSATIONS AND NOT INVOLVE FORMAL UN PROCEDURES. AGREE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TAKE CASE TO UN "SOONER RATHER THAN LATER" IN VIEW UN NORMAL PREFERENCE TO FREEZE STATUS QUO. BELIEVE OUR CONTINGENCY PAPERS SUPPORT THIS VIEW.

PERSONALLY I HOPE WE WILL KEEP IN MIND IN OUR PLANNING POSSIBILITY OF TAKING MATTER TO UN IN EVENT USSR ANNOUNCES CONCLUSION OF TREATY WITH GDR. THIS COULD TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH "OBSTRUCTION OF ACCESS" REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM.

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